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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST/U.S./FRANCE--CONFLICT REGARDING
AWARD OF MAJOR CONTRACT FOR CENTRAL SWITCHING OFFICES

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 10823 NOTAL; (B) ABIDJAN 10862 NOTAL;
(C) ABIDJAN 8574 NOTAL; (D) STATE 226937 NOTAL; (E) ABIDJAN
8489 NOTAL; (F) STATE 224629 NOTAL

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPARENT VIOLATION
OF IBRD PROCUREMENT RULES IN CONTRACT FOR CENTRAL SWITCHING
OFFICES. THIS CASE COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COM-
PETITIVENESS OF U.S. FIRMS IN FUTURE IBRD PROJECTS.

2. FOR ABIDJAN AND PARIS: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS
ON EXTENT OF WHICH GOF MAY BE INVOLVED IN THIS AFFAIR.

3. FOR ABIDJAN: WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAIN-
ING FIRM CONFIRMATION OF THE BID AWARD, BUT IT WOULD BE
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HELPFUL TO KNOW IF GOIC HAS DEFINITELY AWARDED THIS CON-

TRACT TO THE FRENCH FIRM.

4. REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO PARIS. KISSINGER

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